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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: IRAQ OVERFLIGHT

REF: BAGHDAD 1271

1. TWA PARIS TOOK QUESTION CITED REFTEL TO IATA, AND IATA
REP IN MONTREAL RAISED IT WITH US REP TO ICAO. WE HAVE
INSTRUCTED USREP AND RCAA IN PARIS TO ADVISE TWA THAT THIS
IS NOT AN ICAO PROBLEM. WE DID NOT DISCUSS PROBLEM IN
EITHER ICAO OR IATA.

2. STATE A-3089, 16 APRIL 74, DISCUSSES PROBLEM. BAGHDAD
281, 2 MAY 74, RECOMMENDED AGAINST DEMARCHE, CONCLUDING
THAT WE RISKED LOSING:

A) PRESENT PANAM OVERFLIGHT PERMISSION; AND

B) APPROVALS FOR US-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT COMING TO IRAQ.

AT THAT TIME USINT ADVISED THAT APPROVALS OUTNUMBERED
REFUSED-APPLICATIONS FOR US OPERATORS.

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POUCH TO USINT.

3. QUESTION HAS ARISEN HERE WHETHER BY RAISING ISSUE WITH GOI WE MAY NOT MAKE EVEN GREATER DIFFICULTY FOR FLIGHT-CLEARANCE APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO DO BUSINESS IN IRAQ. IN THIS CONNECTION, DO YOU KNOW OF US BUSINESS AIRCRAFT COMING TO IRAQ THAT DO NOT APPEAR IN OUR CABLE EXCHANGES?

4. BAGHDAD: BASED ON YOUR JUDGEMENT RE PARA 3 ABOVE, YOU MAY, AT YOUR DISCRETION, RAISE OVERFLIGHT ISSUE WITH GOI, DRAWING ON FOLLOWING THEMES AS APPROPRIATE:

- A) OVERFLIGHT BAN IS UNNECESSARY;
- B) RECONSIDERATION OR PARTIAL RELAXATION MIGHT BE TOKEN OF IMPROVING RELATIONS; OR
- C) BAN CONTRAVENES INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS. KISSINGER

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